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**SUBJECT: INEEL - WAGs 6 and 10 - Operable Units 6-05 and 10-04 - Submittal of Draft  
"Scope of Work for the Experimental Breeder Reactor-I/Boiling Water  
Reactor Experiment Area and Miscellaneous Sites" (EM-ER-02-192)**

Dear Mr. Nygard and Mr. Pierre:

This letter formally submits, as an enclosure, three copies of the subject primary document to each of your agencies' WAG 6/10 Project Managers for review and comment.

There are four, key assumptions underpinning the recommended remediation task scheduling contained in the Scope of Work. These assumptions are that:

- (1) There will continue to be constrained funding for all future EM work. The current funding target levels show a significant reduction in 2008, but that reduction is dependent on INEEL cleanup progress over the next 2-3 years. DOE sites showing progress will receive first consideration for continuing funding. Funding for remediation of WAG 7 is currently outside the target constraints.
- (2) DOE will continue to schedule EM cleanup tasks using risk as the basis for priorities. However, DOE is willing to review and discuss alternative priorities provided by either the EPA or the IDEQ.
- (3) The federal government will retain control of the INEEL in perpetuity
- (4) The active remediation of areas within OU 10-04 has a lower priority than remediation within the fenced facility areas because the exposure of workers and visitors occurs more frequently within facility fences than it does outside the facility fences.

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If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please call either Glenn Nelson at (208) 526-0077 or me at (208) 526-4392.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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